

63rd LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS—COUNTIES
AND CITIES BORDERING GULF—SEA WALLS AND
BREAKWATERS—TAX FOR BONDS—MAJORITY VOTE**

S. J. R. No. 12

Proposing an amendment to Section 7, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas; amending Section 7 to provide that certain counties and cities bordering on the Gulf of Mexico may levy a tax to pay for bonds issued for the construction of sea walls and breakwaters upon the vote of the majority of the resident property taxpayers voting in an election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 7, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. All counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico are hereby authorized upon a vote of the majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon at an election called for such purpose to levy and collect such tax for construction of sea walls, breakwaters, or sanitary purposes, as may now or may hereafter be authorized by law, and may create a debt for such works and issue bonds in evidence thereof. But no debt for any purpose shall ever be incurred in any manner by any city or county unless provision is made, at the time of creating the same, for levying and collecting a sufficient tax to pay the interest thereon and provide at least two per cent (2%) as a sinking fund; and the condemnation of the right of way for the erection of such works shall be fully provided for."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1973, at which election all ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing counties and cities bordering on the Gulf of Mexico to issue bonds for the construction of sea walls and breakwaters upon a vote of the resident property taxpayers."

Adopted by the senate on February 27, 1973: Yeas 26, Nays 3; adopted by the house on May 9, 1973: Yeas 130, Nays 3.

Signed by Governor May 23, 1973.

Adopted at election held on November 6,
1973.